

House Study Bill 145 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
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ON COMMERCE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing specified electric utility customers to
2 engage in agricultural aggregate net metering.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.42, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "Aggregate net metering" means deducting
4 or offsetting electricity produced by an alternate energy
5 production facility against the electricity which would
6 otherwise be purchased from an electric utility as measured on
7 more than one utility meter.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **476.49 Agricultural aggregate net**
9 **metering.**

10 1. An electric utility customer who is an authorized farm
11 corporation, authorized limited liability company, authorized
12 trust, family farm corporation, family farm limited liability
13 company, family farm limited partnership, or family trust, as
14 defined in section 9H.1, may engage in aggregate net metering
15 with regard to the electricity produced by an alternate
16 energy production facility of up to five hundred kilowatts of
17 nameplate generating capacity owned by the customer against the
18 aggregate electricity purchased from the electric utility in a
19 given month as measured on all meters used by that customer on
20 a single parcel of land or on contiguous parcels of land.

21 2. An electric utility customer engaging in aggregate
22 net metering pursuant to subsection 1 shall not sell any
23 electricity, gas, or useful thermal energy produced by the
24 alternate energy production facility and not used by the
25 customer to any other utility customer. The customer may,
26 however, enter into a power purchase agreement with an electric
27 utility with regard to excess electricity produced at rates
28 determined pursuant to section 476.43. Notwithstanding the
29 maximum purchase provisions of section 476.44, an electric
30 utility shall enter into a power purchase agreement with a
31 customer meeting the requirements of this section and shall
32 otherwise facilitate aggregate net metering as provided in this
33 section.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill authorizes specified agricultural electric

1 utility customers to engage in aggregate net metering. The
2 bill defines "aggregate net metering" to mean deducting
3 or offsetting electricity produced by an alternate energy
4 production facility against the electricity which would
5 otherwise be purchased from an electric utility as measured on
6 more than one utility meter.

7 The bill provides that an electric utility customer who is
8 an authorized farm corporation, authorized limited liability
9 company, authorized trust, family farm corporation, family farm
10 limited liability company, family farm limited partnership,
11 or family trust, as defined in Code section 9H.1, may engage
12 in aggregate net metering with regard to the electricity
13 produced by an alternate energy production facility of up to
14 500 kilowatts of nameplate generating capacity owned by the
15 customer against the aggregate electricity purchased from
16 the electric utility in a given month as measured on all
17 meters used by that customer on a single parcel of land or on
18 contiguous parcels of land. The bill prohibits the customer
19 from selling any electricity, gas, or useful thermal energy
20 produced by the alternate energy production facility and not
21 used by the customer to any other utility customer. The bill
22 states that the customer may enter into a power purchase
23 agreement with an electric utility with regard to excess
24 electricity produced at rates determined pursuant to Code
25 section 476.43. The bill directs an electric utility to enter
26 into such an agreement and otherwise facilitate aggregate net
27 metering as provided in the bill.